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REMARKS

The Examiner is thanked for the courtesy of the helpful telephone interview with the undersigned on February 3, 2006 to discuss the case. The claims have been amended based upon the comments and suggestions made during that interview. More particularly, claim 12 has been amended to strike Al from the Markush group, claim 16 has been modified by striking Al, Si and Ti from the Markush group, and claims 20 and 21 have been combined with the Markush group however not containing Al and Zr. Each deletion was made pursuant to a suggestion by the Examiner.

Although applicants respectfully submit that the arguments for patentability presented in the Amendment Under 37 CFR 1.111 are appropriate prior to amendment, it is respectfully submitted that the claims as revised patentably distinguish over Iizuka '870 considered either under 35 USC 102 or 103 and over Lindner et al. '430 taken with Deeba et al. '910.

The Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned if additional changes are required in the case prior to allowance.

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